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To: Thomas, Sally
Subject: Re: hurray hurray its another Hot Topics Thursday!

Cook Inlet Tribes' Subsistence Consumption Assessment

Seldovia Village Tribe presented their work on assessing Cook Inlet Tribes' subsistence consumption at AFE February 7. Katherine Brown moderated this session. Funded through an FY12 IGAP Special Project, this study was modeled after the CRITFC survey. According to Seldovia's draft report and data submitted December 30, the overall mean average rate of fish consumption by adults throughout the year is 94.8 grams/day. The overall mean average rate reported by the CRITFC study was 58.7 grams/day. The highest mean average rates of fish consumption in the Cook Inlet study are by Nanwalek females- 164 grams/day and Port Graham males- 159 grams/day. Currently, ADEC uses a fish consumption rate of 6.5 grams/day to calculate human health criteria. ADEC presented a session on State Water Quality Standards and Fish Consumption at AFE February 6. Dan Opalski served as a panelist. During Q&A at both ADEC and Seldovia sessions, ADEC was asked if they would review and consider Seldovia's data. In both cases, ADEC representatives indicated that they would, and that they were looking forward to receiving a copy of Seldovia's report.

Consultation on Reissuance of Cook Inlet General Permit for Oil and Gas

R10 offered a consultation meeting on Reissuance of a Cook Inlet General Permit for Oil and Gas Exploration Activities in Federal Waters to interested representatives of federally recognized Cook Inlet tribal governments on Tuesday February 5. Dan Opalski represented EPA Leadership, Project Lead Cindi Godsey and Jim Woods participated, and Katherine Brown facilitated. 14 people from 8/10 Cook Inlet Tribes participated in the meeting. Representatives of 5 of the tribes (Chickaloon, Kenaitze, Nanwalek, Ninilchik, Seldovia) had been designated to represent the tribe for the purposes of this consultation, while participants from 3 tribes indicated that they were just gathering information to inform leaders that were unexpectedly unable to attend (Port Graham, Tyonek, Eklutna). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Agenda topics included goals and expectations, NPDES/APDES programs and oversight, a Permit history and overview, and next steps. Chickaloon Council member Lisa Wade and Port Graham Environmental Planner Violet Yeaton were the most vocal participants, on consultation methodology and tools, on NPDES delegation to AK, and on technical permit issues and concerns respectively. Efforts to develop a "progressive" permit (regarding discharges, fish consumption, BMPs, compliance monitoring, climate change, emergency prohibitions, invasive species, and sensitive areas), and to update the ODCE's dispersion model were recommended. "Tribally oriented" factsheets for briefing Councils on this and other consultations were requested. OW has extended the deadline for comments on the preliminary draft Permit through February 13. Chickaloon, Port Graham, Nanwalek, and Seldovia are expected to submit comments and/or to request additional consultation. Seldovia Environmental Coordinator Michael Opheim emailed Dan Opalski 2/11 requesting some 1 on 1 time. Dan indicated that he would try to set up a teleconference this week.

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Please provide a few sentences on issues you are working on the ETPA Director and/or RA would want to be aware of!
Receipt by 3 pm will be appreciated!
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